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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, RP

SUBJECT:SENATOR BENIGNO AQUINO

REF: STATE 104433

1. SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE INFORMED BY TELEPHONE FROM GUAM THAT DEHAAN AND TINKER FOUND AQUINO UNWILLING TO LEAVE PHILIPPINES AND DID NOT CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE TO PUSH FURTHER ON THIS MATTER DURING THEIR VISIT.

2. OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AQUINO CASE HERE INCLUDE:

A. MAY 6 WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE, ESSENTIALLY SYMPATHETIC TO AQUINO, WHICH NOTES THAT HIS DEMAND FOR TERMINATION OF MARTIAL LAW IS UNREALISTIC WHEN FEW FILIPINOS ACTIVELY OPPOSE MARTIAL LAW;

B. MAY 7 NY TIMES EDITORIAL, WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES MARCOS AS ONE OF THE MOST CYNICALLY SKILLFUL RULERS IN DEFUSING POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO REGIME BUT QUESTIONS U.S. SUPPORT OF MILITARY REGIMES WHICH CAN OVERCOME OPPOSITION ONLY BY BRUTAL SUPPRESSION;

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C. LETTER FROM REPRESENTATIVE DONALD M. FRASER, ASKING

WHETHER EMBASSY COULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF AQUINO'S ASYLUM  
IN THE U.S. WITH AQUINO FAMILY AND ATTORNEY. FYI EA/PHL  
PROPOSED RESPONSE WOULD POINT OUT AQUINO DEMANDS FOR

POLITICAL OBJECTIVES AS A FACTOR IN THE PROBLEM AND WOULD  
EXPRESS DOUBT THAT AQUINO SEEKS ASYLUM. END FYI.

D. FBIS CITES AFP MAY 6 REPORT FROM MANILA THAT AQUINO  
WAS TAKEN TO VETERANS HOSPITAL ON PREVIOUS NIGHT IN  
SERIOUS CONDITION.

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